

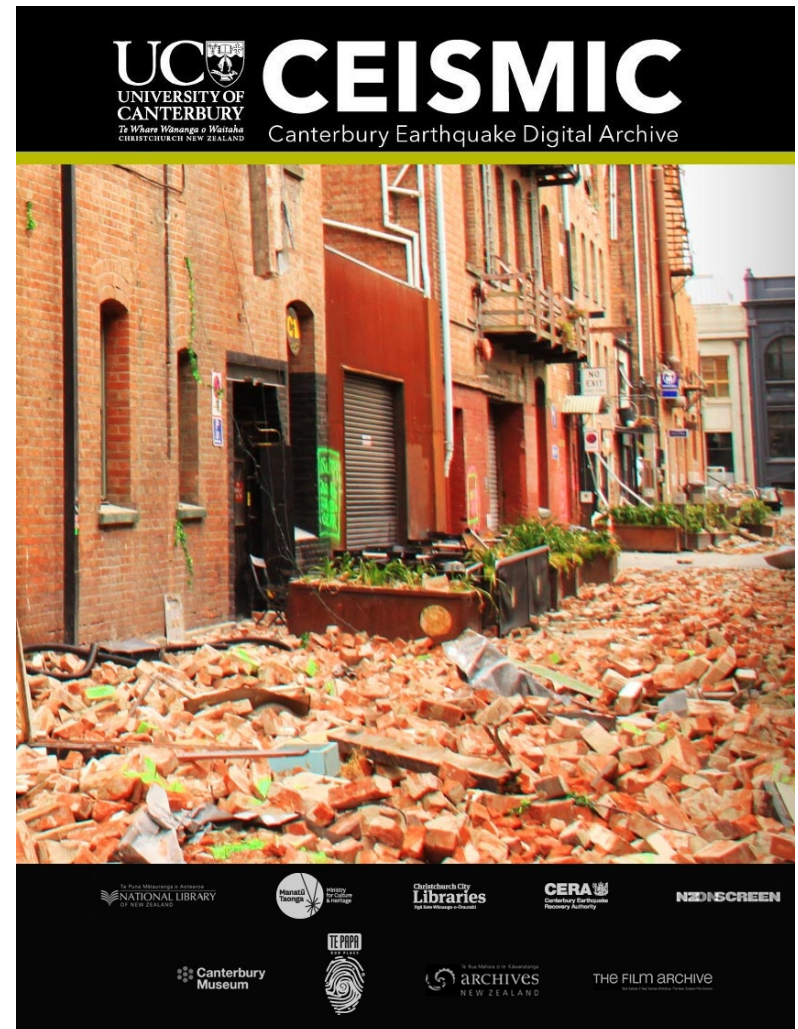
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**THE EARTHQUAKES THAT STRUCK  
CANTERBURY IN 2010 AND 2011  
ARE AMONG THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN NEW  
ZEALAND HISTORY.**

The 7.1 quake which struck on September 4, 2010 caused widespread damage and two serious injuries.



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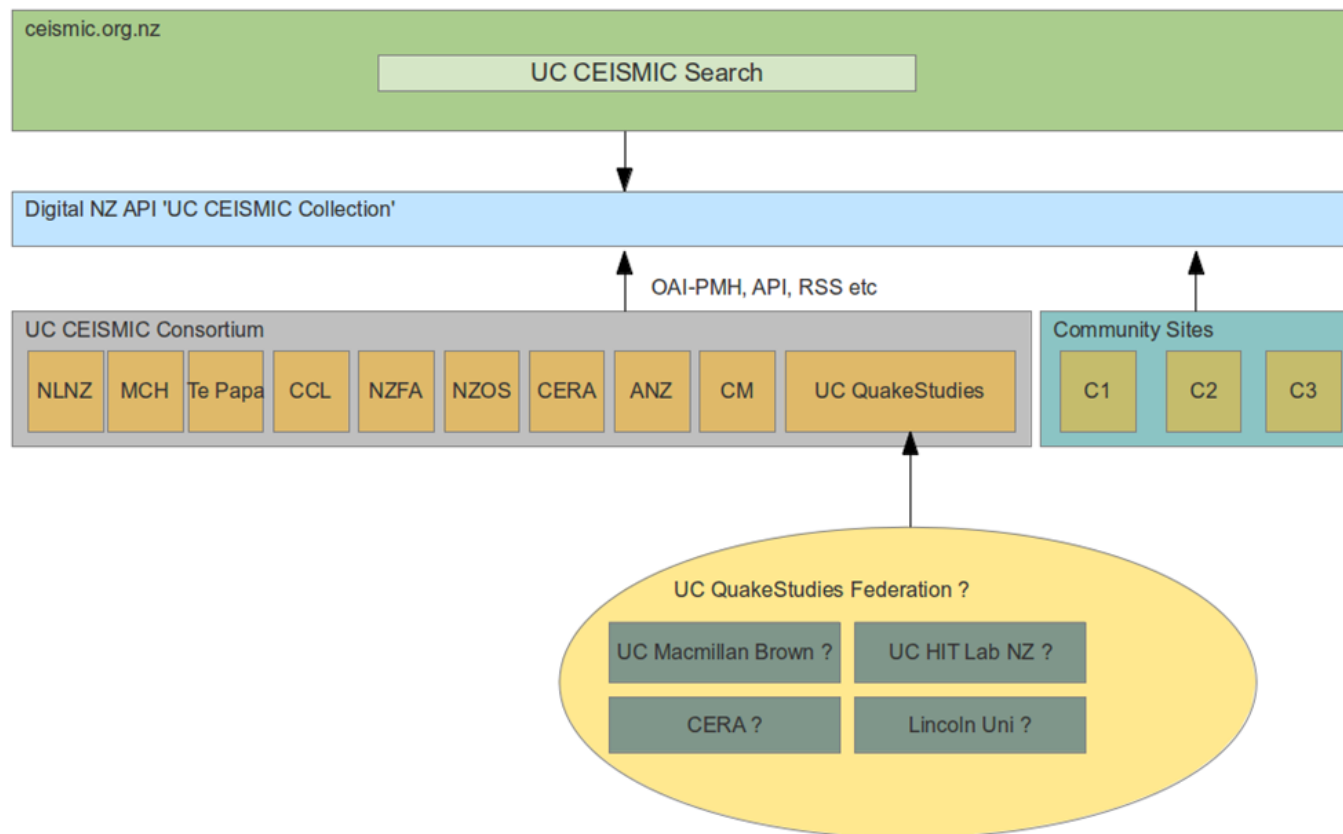
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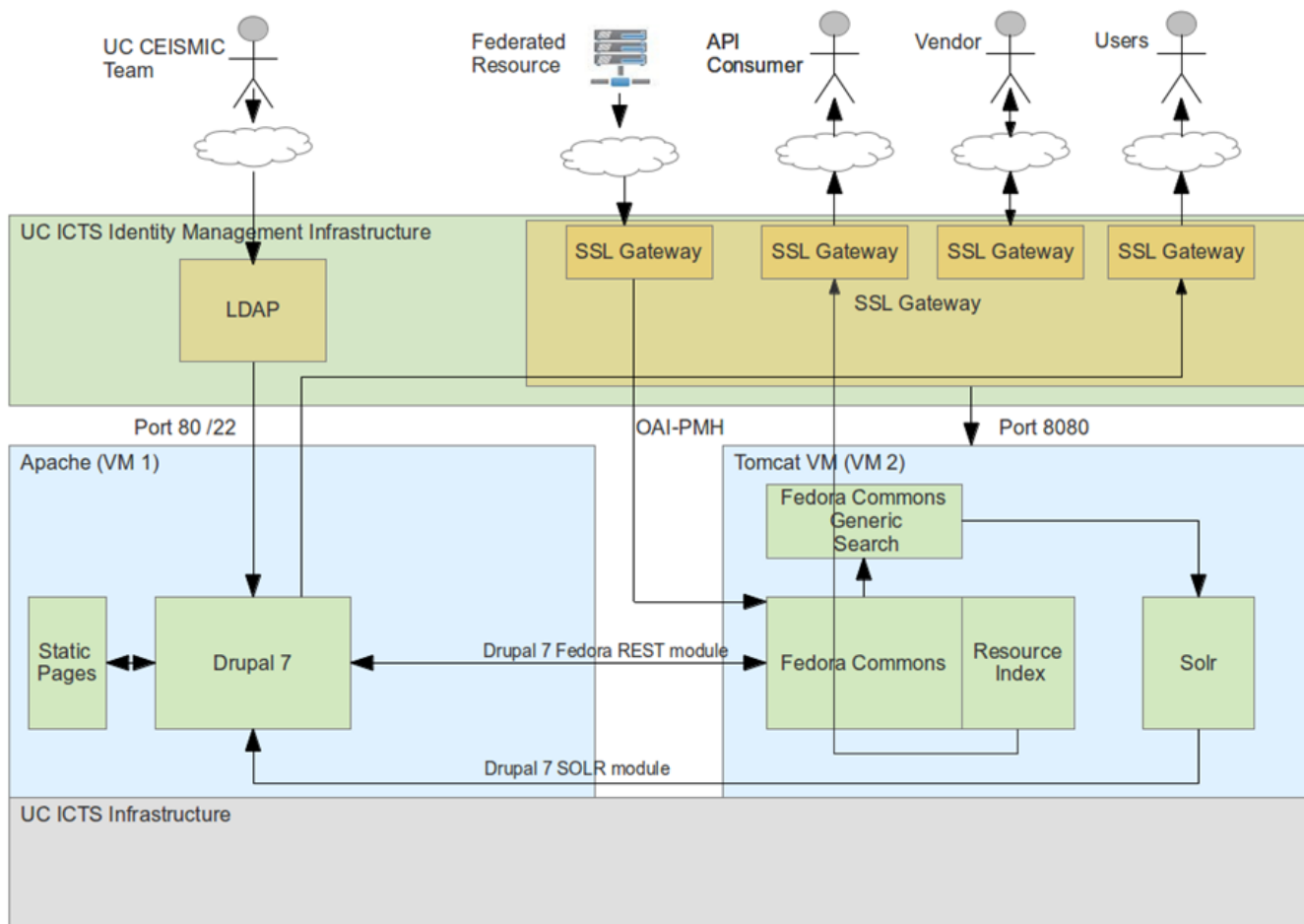
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QUAKE WELL AT ALL...  
KEEPS GETTING SILT  
SMEARS ON THE 4x4!

AWWWL!  
SOB!

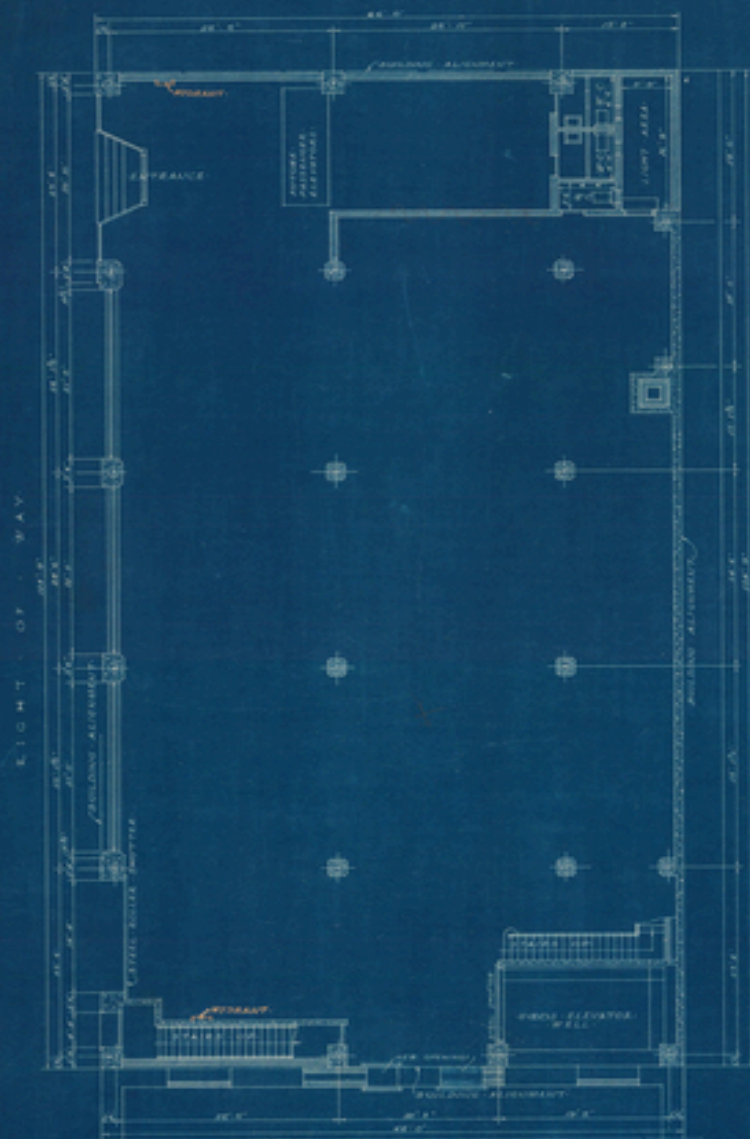
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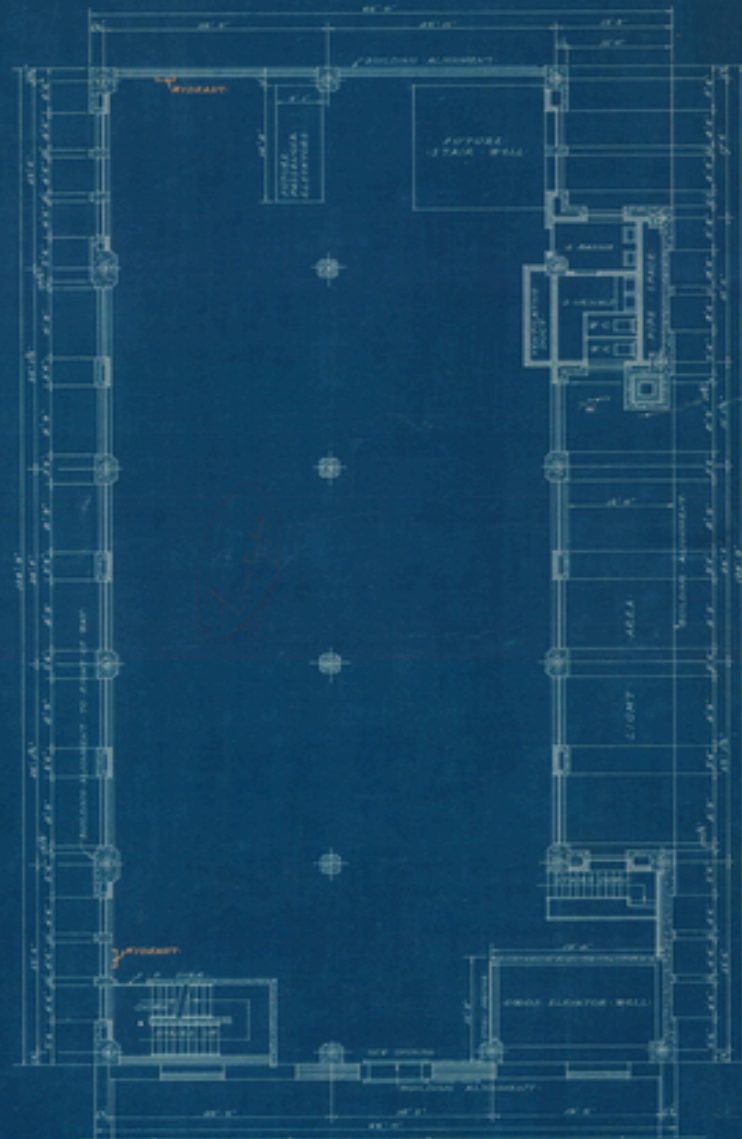
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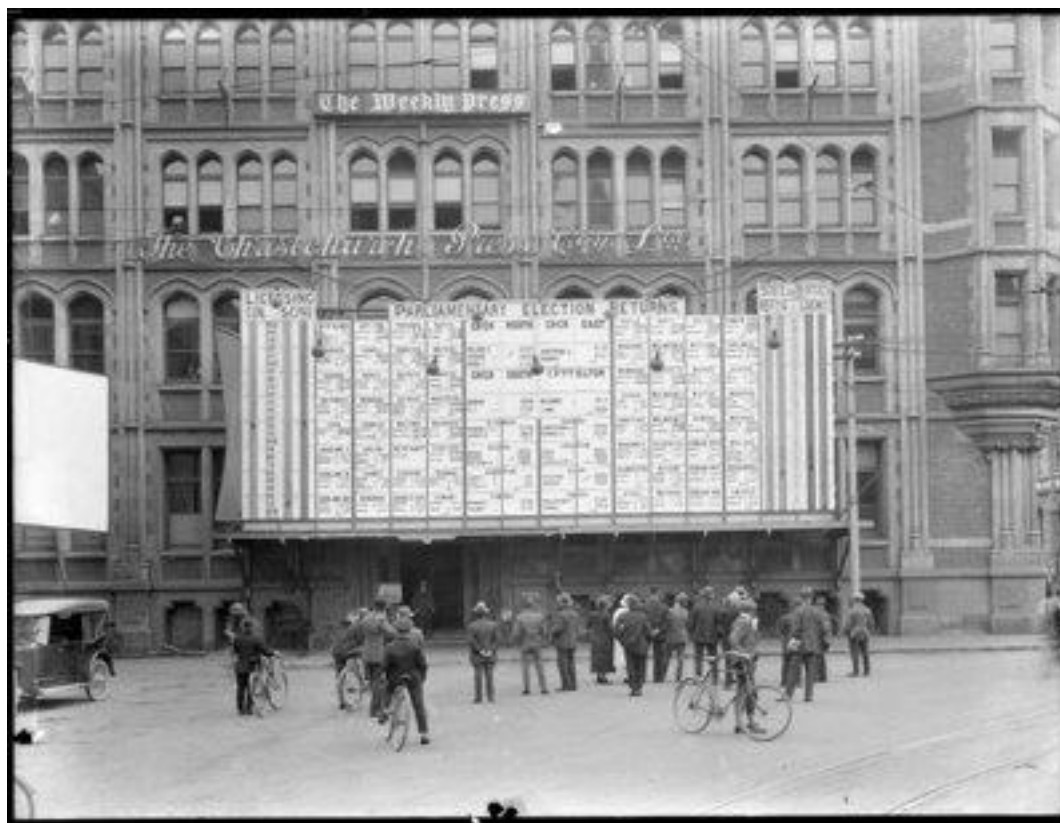
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## 32 Cathedral Square

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*The Press* Building at 32 Cathedral Square was the home of Christchurch's daily broadsheet newspaper for 102 years, from 1909 to 2011. Four storeys high and designed in what was called at the time 'the Perpendicular Gothic Style',<sup>1</sup> this building was a distinctive building around Cathedral Square.

The building's genesis can be traced back to conflict between two major names in early Christchurch, James FitzGerald, the first Superintendent of Canterbury, and William Moorhouse, who succeeded him as Superintendent. FitzGerald, who had been the editor of the Canterbury's first newspaper, the *Lyttelton Times*, established *The Press* in his three-roomed cottage Montreal Street in 1861. This followed a series of pamphlets and speeches in which he attacked Moorhouse's debt financed development plans.<sup>2</sup> After moving from Montreal Street to a Cashel Street butcher's shop, and following FitzGerald's departure in 1867, *The Press* finally moved to its first purpose-built premises in 1892.<sup>3</sup>



Alexander Turnbull Library: File print available in Turnbull Library  
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# Underground Overground Archaeology

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## 148 GLOUCESTER STREET, 32 CATHEDRAL SQUARE, 103 & 105 WORCESTER STREET, CHRISTCHURCH: REPORT ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING

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### INTRODUCTION

Subsequent to the earthquake on 22 February 2011 the buildings at 148 Gloucester Street, 32 Cathedral Square, 103 and 105 Worcester Street, Christchurch, were demolished (Figures 1, 2 and 3). On 1 August 2011 the New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) issued an emergency authority (2012-219eq) under section 11 of the Canterbury Earthquake (Historic Places Act) Order 2010 to Nikau Contractors Ltd. This authority was issued to allow the demolition of the buildings at 148 Gloucester Street and 32 Cathedral Square. This authority was required as the building at 148 Gloucester Street had been constructed prior to 1900 and was afforded the same status as sub-surface archaeological sites. Condition 2 of the authority the building at 148 Gloucester Street was to be recorded prior to and during demolition and condition 4 required that the removal of the foundations of both buildings be monitored by an archaeologist. Unfortunately, the building at 148 Gloucester Street was demolished without an archaeologist on site (in breach of condition 2 of the authority). In addition, the concrete slab and foundations were removed from the sections of 103 and 105 Gloucester Street without an archaeological authority being issued by NZHPT.



N.Z. HISTORIC PLACES TRUST BUILDINGS FIELD RECORD FORM



NAME Press Building

LOCATION

URBAN ☒

RURAL ☐

CITY/TOWN

Christchurch

REGION

Canterbury

STREET & NO.

On Cathedral Square

DISTRICT SCHEME

2, 3, 4.

OTHER

and Worcester Street

LOCAL AUTH.

Christchurch City Council

REASONS FOR SIGNIFICANCE The Christchurch Press building is a notable feature in the varied Cathedral Square townscape, particularly in relationship with the nearby Ministry of Works building. The skilful Edwardian interpretation of Gothic forms applied to a functionally planned, low storaged office building illustrates the calibre of its designers, Collins & Harman. Since its foundation in 1861, the Christchurch Press has been a highly regarded newspaper, adding further significance to the building which has been its base since its completion in 1909.

Taken by Pam Wilson

Date Feb '88.

Negatives held by H.P.T.

BUILDING TYPE (i.e. Commercial, Residential)



# Register Record

Register Number: 302

Site Reference: P792

**Name:** Press Building

**Other Names:**

Name	Year From	Year To
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The Press Building		
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**Location:** 32 Cathedral Square, CHRISTCHURCH

**Legal Description:** Sec 698 Town of Christchurch (CT CB23B/71), Canterbury Land District

**Local Authority:** Christchurch City

**Summary:** James Edward FitzGerald, a runholder, politician, journalist and the first Superintendent of Canterbury Province, founded the Christchurch newspaper, the Press, in 1861. He used the paper to voice his objections to the policies of William Moorhouse, who succeeded him as superintendent, which included heavy borrowing for local development. FitzGerald had earlier been editor of the Lyttleton Times, the province's first newspaper.

The Press began operations from a three-roomed cottage in Montreal Street, then moved to Cashel Street, to what had formerly been a butcher's shop. FitzGerald built his house next door and when he left town in 1867 the Press expanded into it. Rising demand for the newspaper meant that these arrangements proved inadequate, and in 1879 William Armson was asked to plan the Press's first purpose-built premises. The building was finished in 1892, nine years after Armson's death. Three years later, a further addition was built.



